Docket No.: 42P6997C

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

R. WOODRUFF

Application No.:

Filed:

For: A METHOD OF DISTRIBUTED

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OF I/O DEVICES IN A NETWORK CLUSTER

Art Group: 2143

Examiner: G. Neurauter

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In accordance with the duty of disclosure, enclosed is a copy of Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant (form PTO/SB/08), which is being submitted concurrently with the Continuation Application. It is respectfully requested that the cited references be considered and that the enclosed copy of PTO/SB/08 be initialed by the Examiner to indicate such consideration and a copy thereof returned to applicant(s). Some or all of the references listed on the enclosed PTO/SB/08 were previously identified in the parent application (Application No. 09/322,183, filed May 28, 1999) and copies of the references were furnished at that time. Accordingly, per 37 CFR §1.98(d)(1) additional copies of those references are not submitted herewith.

-1-

'The submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made in the subject application and is not to be construed as an admission that the information cited in this statement is material to patentability.

Please charge any fees due to Deposit Account 02-2666. A duplicate copy of the Fee Transmittal (PTO/SB/17) is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted

BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP

Gregory Distaldwell, Reg. No. 39,926

12400 Wilshire Boulevard, 7th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90025 Telephone: (503) 684-6200

Date: February 24, 2004

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Issue Fee, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Derek S. Watson

Date

02-24-04

Complete if Known Substitute for form 1449A/PTO Application Number **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE** Filing Date First Named Inventor R. Woodruff STATEMENT BY APPLICANT 2143 Art Unit (use as many sheets as necessary) **Examiner Name** G. Neurauter 1 Attorney Docket Number

42P6997C

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.¹	Document Number  Number - Kind Code² (if known)	Publication Date or Issue Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear			
E.F.	1	US-6192483 B1	02-20-2001	Moiin et al.				
	2	US-5470397 B1	10-22-2002	Shah et al.				
	3	US-6047353 B1	04-04-2000	Vishitzky et al.				
	4	US-6353612 B1	03-05-2002	Zhu et al.				
	5	US-6055570 A	04-25-2000	Nielson				
	6	US-5155857A	10-13-1992	Kunisaki et al.				
	7	US-6185203 B1	02-06-2001	Berman				
	8	US-6282569 B1	08-28-2001	Wallis et al.				
	9	US-6343320 B1	01-29-2002	Fairchild et al.				
	10	US-6275874 B1	08-14-2001	Wilson				
	11	US-4893302	01-09-1990	Hemmady et al.				
	12	US-5717950	02-10-1998	Yamaguchi et al.				
	13	US-6067545	05-23-2000	Wolff				
	14	US-6240451	05-29-2001	Campbell et al.				
	15	US-5655081	08-05-1997	Bonnell et al.				
	16	US-6088727	07-11-2000	Hosokawa et al.				
	17	US-4644468	02-17-1987	Doster et al.				
	18	US-4371932	02-01-1983	Dinwiddie et al.				
	19	US-6049853	04-11-2000	Kingsbury et al.				
		US-						

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS									
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.'	Foreign Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear				
		Country Code³ - Number⁴ - Kind Codent known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY						
1									

Signature Considered

Date

**Sheet** 

Examiner

1

of

<sup>\*</sup>Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 'See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. 'Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 'For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 'Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. 'Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.